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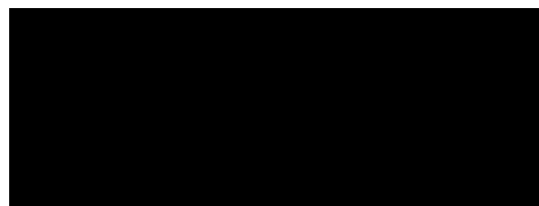
MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL ESTIMATES BOARD

FROM: Chief, Estimates Staff

SUBJECT: Staff Comment on NIE-29

Attached is a comment by one of the members of the NIE-29 task team concerning an important aspect of the estimate on Yugoslavia. The comment concerns the deterrent effect the possible loss of Albania would have on the USSR in case the USSR is not prepared to go ahead with the conquest of Yugoslavia and reconquest of Albania at any cost, including general war if necessary. This deterrent would be particularly strong in keeping the Russians from starting something in Yugoslavia on the theory that they could back down at any time. This point was made several times in NEB discussions, but somehow or other it is not reflected in the approved draft. It has a direct bearing on the argument in paragraph 26a, as indicated in the attached comment. The Staff has not prepared any suggested revision but could easily do so if the NEB requires it.

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